

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-30 and 32 were presented for examination. Claims 1-3, 9-10, 23 and 26-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103. Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 4-8, 11-22, 24-25, 30 and 32 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In the current amendment, claims 4, 9-14, 18-19, 24, 26-29 and 32 have been amended and claims 1-3 and 23 canceled to address the Examiner's comments. No new matter has been introduced. Upon entry of the current amendment, claims 4-22, 24-30 and 32 will be pending, of which claims 4, 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 24 and 32 are independent. Applicants submit that claims 4-30 and 32 are in condition for allowance.

The following comments address all stated grounds of rejection. Applicants respectfully traverse all rejections and urge the Examiner to pass the claims to allowance in view of the remarks set forth below.

**CLAIM OBJECTIONS**

Claim 19 was objected to for informalities. Claim 19 has been amended herein to address the Examiner's comments. Claims 4-8, 11-22, 24-25, 30 and 32 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, although the Examiner indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have canceled claims 1-3 and 23 and amended claims 4, 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 24 and 32 to incorporate the allowable subject matter indicated by the Examiner. In particular, Applicants have amended claim 4 to incorporate all the limitations of claims 1-3; amended

claims 11, 12, 13, 14, and 19 to incorporate all the limitations of claim 1; and amended claims 24 and 32 to incorporate the all limitations of claim 23. Therefore, as amended, claims 4, 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 24 and 32 are in independent form, include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and include allowable subject matter identified by the Examiner.

Furthermore, claims 5-8 depend on and incorporate all of the patentable subject matter of claim 4, amended herein. Claims 15-18 depend on and incorporate all of the patentable subject matter of claim 14, amended herein. Claims 20-22 depend on and incorporate all of the patentable subject matter of claim 19, amended herein. Claims 25-30 depend on and incorporate all of the patentable subject matter of claim 24, amended herein. Therefore, dependent claims 5-8, 15-18, 20-22 and 25-30 also incorporate the allowable subject matter identified by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the objection to claims 4-8, 11-22, 24-25, 30 and 32.

#### **CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103**

Claims 1-3, 9-10, 23 and 26-29 were rejected as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,293,267 to Fresko in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0262181 to Schmidt et al. Applicants traverse the rejection, and submit that Fresko and Schmidt fail to teach or suggest each and every element of the claimed invention, as amended.

As discussed above in connection with the claim objections, Applicants have canceled claims 1-3 and 23, mooted this rejection with respect to those claims, and amended claims 4, 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 24 and 32 to incorporate the allowable subject matter indicated by the Examiner. Furthermore, dependent claims 5-8, 15-18, 20-22 and 25-30 also incorporate the allowable subject matter identified by the Examiner.

For the reasons discussed above, Applicants submit that each of the pending claims 4-22, 24-30 and 32 incorporate allowable subject matter indicated by the Examiner, and thus are patentable and in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claims 9-10 and 26-29 under 35 U.S.C. §103 and to allow each of the pending claims.

### **CONCLUSION**

In light of the aforementioned amendments and arguments, Applicants contend that each of the Examiner's rejections has been adequately addressed and all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration, withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and allowance of all of the pending claims.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorney would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the Applicants' attorney at the telephone number identified below.

Respectfully submitted,

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